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1. BOGDAN, IN JANUARY 7 CONVERSATION WITH BARNES, CHARACTERIZED CEAUSESCU MEETING WITH JACKSON AS MUCH LESS SATISFACTORY THAN ANTICIPATED. JACKSON APPARENTLY DEVOTED MUCH OF DISCUSSION TO SEEKING DETAILS OF ROMANIAN EMIGRATION PROCEDURES WHERE CEAUSESCU SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW. CEAUSESCU DID ASSURE JACKSON THAT ROMANIAN JEWS WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO LEAVE ROMANIA FOR ISRAEL, AND ALSO PROMISED SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION TO LIST OF RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS JACKSON GAVE HIM. JACKSON FOR HIS PART REPEATED TO CEAUSESCU EARLIER STATEMENTS MADE TO BOGDAN REGARDING HIS WILLINGNESS TO GIVE ROMANIA SPECIAL TREATMENT. BOGDAN NOTED ROMANIAN RELUCTANCE TO TIE MFN TO EMIGRATION, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT IF THE TWO MATTERS WERE TO BE CONNECTED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE, THEN SOME CLEAR QUID PRO QUO HAD TO BE ESTABLISHED AND HE QUESTIONED CONFIDENTIAL

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JACKSON'S ACTUAL ABILITY TO "DELIVER" MFN FOR ROMANIA IF ROMANIA MET ITS SHARE OF ANY BARGAIN.

2. BOGDAN QUOTED CEAUSESCU STAFF DURING VISIT AS TELLING

HIM 5,800 OUT OF 7,000 ROMANIAN JEWISH APPLICANTS HAD
RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL IN 1973, WHILE
REMAINING CASES STILL IN PROCESS. RUSH

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